

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation have decided to raise funds in the open market to finance the imports of crude and other petroleum products;

(b) if so, the amount likely to be raised and the mode of raising the funds; and

(c) the time by which such amount is likely to be collected and the method of repayment?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The amount likely to be raised will depend upon the requirement taking into account the prices prevailing in the international market. Funds will be raised from various sources depending on the commercial terms including terms of repayment offered by the various financial agencies.

[Translation]

Famine Relief Code

*356. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Famine Relief Code was introduced;

(b) the details of the significant changes made therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to make further changes in this Code or introduce a new Code; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). Government of India has not framed any Framed Relief Code. The primary responsibility for providing relief in the wake of natural calamities is that of the State Governments. Relief Manuals are therefore formulated by the State Governments on the basis of their experiences, local conditions and general guidelines circulated by Government of India. The latest such guidelines were issued by Government of India in 1980.

(c) and (d). There is no proposal to revise these guidelines nor to introduce a new Code.

[English]

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

*357. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:
SHRI SHIVA SHARAN SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more such Kendras in various States;

(c) if so, their locations, State-wise; and

(d) the time by which these Kendras are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Sir, 183 Krishi Vigyan Kendras are functioning in the country. State-wise information is given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) Yes.